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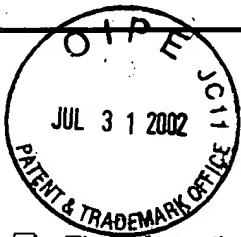
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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References 1- 5 were cited in an Official Action dated June 6, 2001 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. References 1, 2, 7-16 were cited in an Official Action dated January 9, 2002 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is also enclosed. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. A translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action dated January 9, 2002 is enclosed. An English language summary of the Official Action dated June 6, 2001 is also enclosed. The relevance of the references is described in these documents.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the \$180.00 fee is enclosed.

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